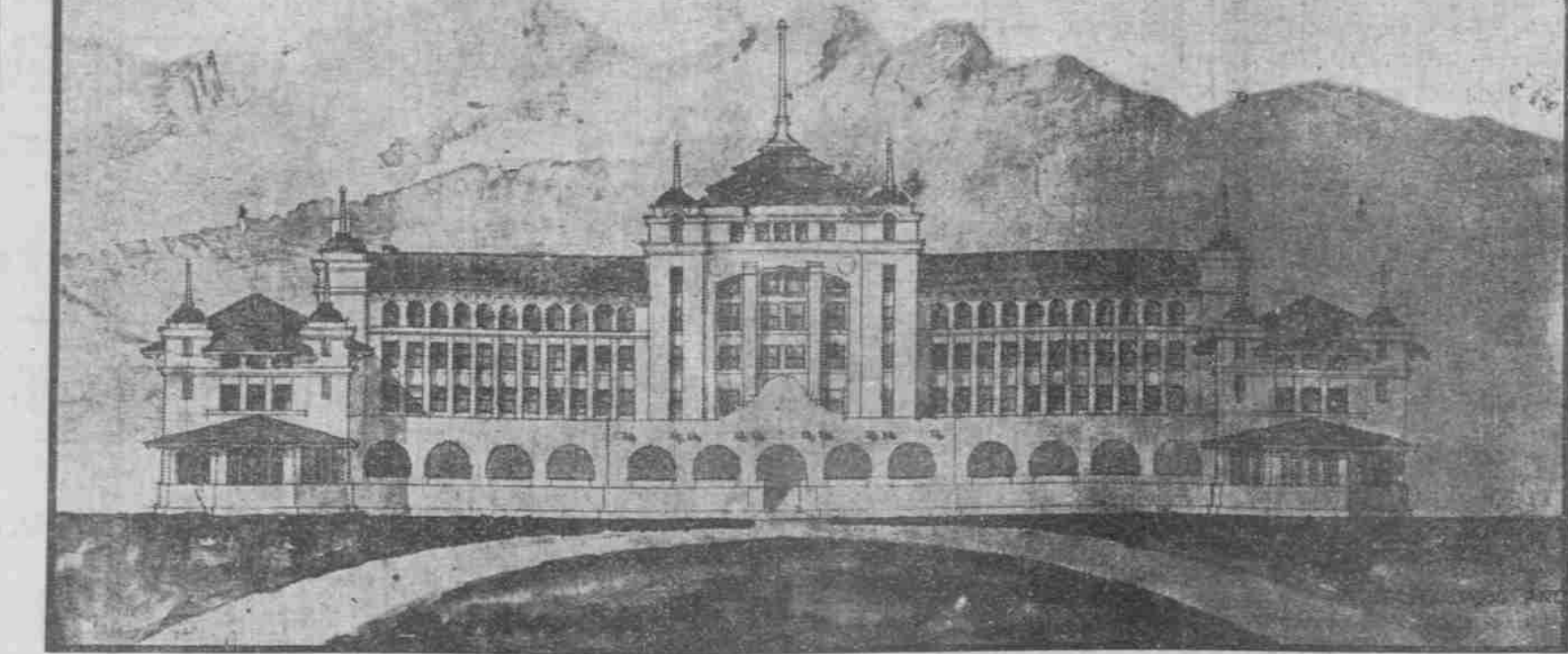


Resort Hotel, Which May Be Erected Near El Paso If Land Can Be Secured



The above is a photograph of the drawing for the resort hotel which it is proposed to erect at the foot of the Franklin mountains near the New Mexico line, north of El Paso. The hotel will be built, the promoters say, if they can secure the necessary land at what they consider a fair price. They have made arrangements to secure all the land needed except one tract which J. H. Nations controls.

El Paso Must Secure Site at
Price Promoter Offers, or
He Will Quit.

ONLY ONE TRACT
BAR TO THE DEAL

If El Paso gets the \$1,000,000 winter resort on the north mesa, for which W. A. Fortner, of Chicago, is here to secure a site, it is up to the people of El Paso to obtain the land for Mr. Fortner's company at the price which he has offered for it.

This was the announcement of the committee which waited on J. H. Nations Tuesday afternoon in an effort to get him to sell the land on which he has a claim on the north mesa at \$6.50 per acre, the price offered by Mr. Fortner. Mr. Nations suggested to the representative of the committee that if the people of El Paso wished the resort they could raise a bonus to cover the difference in what he considered the price of the land and that which Mr. Fortner had offered him. However, the representative of the Chicago company said Wednesday morning that he did not desire any bonus, as he had made a cash offer and that he did not wish to be under obligations to anyone as the result of a bonus being raised. Mr. Nations said that he did not care to discuss the matter for publication.

Mr. Fortner expects to leave for Chicago Thursday on the Golden State limited. He was reported to the company which he represents the result of his effort to obtain the land. He says he will not make any effort to secure the Nations land and that his offer of \$6.50 per acre is the highest he will make. However, a number of the business men of El Paso have taken up the matter and are making an effort to secure the necessary land for Mr. Fortner's company at the price he has offered.

He held a conference with Z. T. White and H. B. Stevens Wednesday morning. The latter is a resident in detail and Mr. Fortner was offered another site for the resort by Mr. White. He will present this to his Chicago company.

Will Be High Grade Resort.
The Mr. Franklin Tancher club, which will be the name of the big winter resort club, if the Mr. Franklin site is selected, will be conducted under the rules of the El Paso Athletic and pleasure clubs. There will be no gambling allowed and there is no intention on the part of the promoters to make the resort anything but the highest-class winter resort in the country.

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TROOPS MADE ESTRADA TAKE THE CASH

For Four Weeks Afterwards
He Was in Chihuahua,
Unmolested.

After repeated postponements because of unforeseen matters, the extradition hearing of Augustin Estrada, wanted in Mexico on a robbery charge in connection with the mutiny of the Cuernavaca garrison, Col. G. B. Oliver Wednesday morning.

After J. Solano, an El Paso merchant, was placed on the stand by the defense to identify the signatures on receipts which were given to pay the soldiers of the mutinied garrison, Col. Estrada was placed on the stand and asked to tell the history of the mutiny in Juarez. He said that he had been working on the Smith case in Juarez, who so far have not listened to any conditions of turning him over to the Americans.

Estrada's testimony showed that he had acted in good faith with the federal government, although forced, as he asserted, to take funds from the customs house with which to pay the troops.

The Juarez Mutiny.
"Just before the changing of the guard the night," said the witness, "the soldiers came to me at the mayor's office and said they did not recognize the government and cried 'Viva Zapata.' They freed prisoners in jail and began to shoot in the air and loot the houses. Then they arrested me and took me to the guard house."

"On the next day they freed me to make me commander again, and I accepted their offer. They wanted me to protect the rights of the town. They wanted to be paid saying that if they were not paid they would take their own means to pay themselves. They told me to get the money from the customs house, around which they had placed a guard. I was compelled to do so to prevent them from killing me or taking the town. They were not paid and there was no more looting. When Gen. Orozco came I went with him to the guard house."

To the questions of the attorneys for the defense, Col. Estrada said that the mutiny was only a matter of a few days; that the cashier was in charge at the customs house and that nobody collected the duties.

The soldiers compelled me to get the money from the customs house," Estrada said, "and I did so. I was paid \$12,000 was turned over, \$4,000 to pay the troops and the remaining \$8,000 deposited by him and held for the government. Telegrams were sent showing that he had signed papers for all money removed from the customs house," said the witness.

Not Arrested by Gonzales.
It was further shown that Estrada went to Chihuahua with Gen. Orozco and remained there 30 days, during which time he said that both Gen. Orozco and governor Gonzalez knew his whereabouts and that he was not arrested or accused of taking any public funds while in Juarez. He said that he came directly from the state capital to El Paso, remaining here 15 days and on occasions visiting consul Llorente at the Mexican consulate here. His arrest, however, did not occur until he returned to El Paso from a trip in Arizona and California.

Col. Estrada said that he resigned while in El Paso by sending a telegram to Mexico City about March 15, stating that he was resigning. Estrada says he was in El Paso four days before his arrest, and that he had no warrant nor told him why he was arrested. Estrada declared that he took no part in the revolution against Madero. He denied to attorney Richardson that consul Llorente or anyone had offered him money to pay the troops previous to the mutiny.

MEXICAN MINISTER SAYS
FALLS SPEECH UNCALLED FOR
Mexico City, Mex., July 24.—In answer to senator A. B. Fall's criticism of the American government and its attitude toward Mexico in the United States senate, Pedro Lascurain, minister of foreign affairs, said Wednesday:

"I consider senator Fall's imputations unjust and uncalled for. The American government has no claims against Mexico on the part of citizens of El Paso already in the hands of the consul there. A decision of the American government in the matter of the Douglas claims will be sent to the consul within a few days. My claims were not presented to the Mexican consul and therefore have not been considered."

REBELS GIVE UP CARLOAD OF SILK

Is Turned Over to German
Vice Consul and Sent
to the Owners.

Through the efforts of the German vice consul in Juarez, Max Weber, a shipment of silks belonging to the Julius Albert company, in Mexico City, German subjects, which had been confiscated by the rebels in Juarez, has been released and shipped to the original owners. The customs house in Juarez was holding the silks because of a technicality about the customs duties.

The confiscation of the silks took place when the rebels took over the control of the Mexican Central road. The carload of silks was in Juarez at the time and the rebels took these with the rest of the road and have been holding them ever since until the German vice consul took the matter in hand for his company's release.

The silks had been shipped through the United States from Juarez to Mexico City.

Quiet is restored at Casas Grandes.

No More Trouble and the Town Is Closely Guarded by Rebels.

Madera, Chih., Mex., July 24.—There has been no disturbance since Saturday night. The city is patrolled nightly by armies designated by Col. Jose Bermudez, who was appointed "jefe de las armas" by Gen. Orozco after Saturday night's raids by Del Campo's men. Del Campo and men are still in camp, but quietness.

Col. Alforico Castaneda and Miguel Quiroga arrived from Juarez Tuesday night, and are getting ready to move their men north to Casas Grandes to join Gen. Caraveo, to whose command they belong.

THREE BIG CHIEFS OF REBELS Hold Conference to Discuss Plans.

Intend to Take Former Atlanta Banker to Casas Grandes and Hold Him.

An important meeting of rebel chiefs at which Gen. Pascual Orozco, M. R. Caraveo and Ynez Salazar were present, was in progress in Juarez, Wednesday morning. Gen. Salazar and Caraveo arrived in Juarez Tuesday night, Salazar coming from Casas Grandes over the Mexican North Western, and Caraveo coming from the Mexican Central line where his several hundred men are located.

The rebels' only reason for retaining Smith, it seems, is that they believe he has some money which he said he had obtained from the alleged fugitives. To Americans who have been making an effort to have him extradited, the rebels would only listen to extradition proceedings if the American bank firm on which Smith is alleged to have forged the checks, would pay liberally for his release. About a half a dozen officials each want a reward for the part they may take in transferring the man to the American side and each has set his price at about \$500.

Smith, who is advanced in age, is complaining of being ill, suffering from fever.

To Look Into Cato's Case.
The case of A. J. Cato, the American from Clint, Texas, who is said to be in jail in Pearson, will be looked into by the United States authorities in an attempt to gain his release from jail will be made. Consul Thomas D. Edwards is leaving the city today to look up the case and gain Cato's release if possible.

Cato was taken to the city of Chihuahua and held in the municipal jail for several weeks. What the evacuation of the city took place they moved him up the North Western road with several other prisoners, who are now said to be in jail in Pearson.

GUARANTEE TO BE SUSPENDED
Disloyalty of Certain Commanders Feared—More Bridges Destroyed.

Mexico City, Mex., July 24.—As a result of an attack on a train between this city and Cuernavaca and other attacks in the south as well as in the north, it was unanimously decided at a cabinet meeting yesterday to ask the permanent commission of the chamber of deputies to enact a law suspending personal guarantees in several states.

Included in the districts which the law will affect are the states of Chihuahua and Sonora, the northern part of the state of Durango and a part of Coahuila in the north, the states of Morelos and Guerrero and parts of Mexico, Puebla and Tlaxcala in the south.

The law will be similar to that which has been enacted in several states, amounting to placing the disturbed portions of the country under martial law. This action has caused much comment and it is admitted by a high official that many acts of outlawry have taken place in the north and on the west coast which have surpassed anything made known to the public through the press.

FORTY MINERS DROWNED IN COAL MINES

Large Reservoir on Verge of Breaking; One Town Under Four Feet of Water.

Uniontown, Pa., July 24.—Forty miners were caught in a flood in the Superba coal mines at Evans Station, three miles from this city this afternoon. All are believed to have been drowned.

Torrents of water are entering the mine in two places, and it is believed the Cool Spring reservoir, the largest in Fayette county, located in the mountains has broken. The Pennsylvania railroad, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and West Pennsylvania trolley track have been washed away.

Little hope is entertained for the town of Evans. The wives and children of the miners are in danger of being carried into the mines as they refuse to leave the mouth of the slope. Rescue parties have been formed but at two o'clock they had been unable to reach any of them.

The business section of Dunbar, a few miles from Evans Station, is under four feet of water and several business buildings already have been destroyed by the rush of water down the mountain side. The debris is piled up in a bridge of the Pennsylvania railroad and is expected to give way at any moment.

The Cool Spring reservoir is reported to be leaking badly this afternoon, and there is danger of its going out entirely. If the dam gives way, the water will sweep down the mountain on the towns of Lemont, Uniontown, Mount Braddock and Dunbar.

It is estimated that 2,000 persons reside in the four towns and the loss of life and destruction of property, it is feared, will be great.

Flood Loss at Wausau \$1,000,000.
Wausau, Wis., July 24.—Flood damage estimated at \$1,000,000 was wrought today from the breaking of two dams on the Wisconsin river, north of Wausau. Three bridges here were washed out and a fourth was partly destroyed.

All electric power, including street car service, has been put out of commission.

The dams which were swept away are known as the Tomahawk-Brokaw structures. The flood covered the streets on the waterworks plant and cut off the city's water supply.

A large volume of water swept down the river from covering the streets near the river, and surrounding the city hall. Business is demoralized.

SENATE PROMISES REPLY TO AMERICAN CLAIMANTS

Passes the Root Resolution Ordering an Investigation of the Claims of Americans Against Mexico and Congressman Smith Takes Up and Presses the Measure in the House.

Washington, D. C., July 24.—The senate this afternoon passed the amended resolution reported from the foreign relations committee by senator Root, which creates a commission under the war department to investigate all claims for damages by American citizens against Mexico.

It is the most important action yet taken looking toward a settlement of these claims.

The commission is to be composed of the inspector general and two other army officers, who are to have full authority to conduct a thorough investigation. They will report to congress.

The resolution now goes to the house, and congressman Smith, of Texas, who took the matter up immediately, is hopeful that it will be passed at an early date.

CONTESTS ARE DROPPED, SAYS MONDELL

Congressman Turns Loose
White House Guns Concerning Chicago Events.

Washington, D. C., July 24.—Specific denials of the claims of the Roosevelt managers that their candidate had been improperly deprived of delegates in the Chicago convention in the contested cases brought either before the national or credentials committee, was made in a speech delivered by representative Mondell, of Wyoming, who was a member of the credentials committee. He characterized the contests as mere "bluffs," without a shade of substance.

Mr. Mondell presented a categorical review of the various contests, using data which it was understood later had been given out from the white house in an attempt to correct what the administration held to be a wrongful conception by the public of events.

The speaker declared that Colonel Roosevelt and some of his supporters, in voicing charges of fraud had, by their vehemence and persistence, in a period of unrest and suspicion, "profoundly influenced many good people."

New Mexico Refuge Bill Favored.
Senator Catron's bill to create the Pecos national game refuge in New Mexico was favorably reported today by the senate committee on forest reservations.

Appropriation Bill Passes Senate.
The sundry civil appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$116,000,000 for the support of various bureaus and branches of the government, passed the senate today by a vote of 75 to 15, with an increase of about \$6,000,000 over the appropriation authorized by the house. The difference between the two bodies will be adjusted in conference.

The Panama canal administration bill held the floor of the senate yesterday. The measure was reported by the senate committee on commerce.

Percey Speaks Against Free Tolls.
"I do not believe we should give free tolls through the Panama canal to our shipping, either coastwise or international," said senator Percy, of Mississippi, in a speech yesterday in the senate.

He added that he did not believe the Hay-Panamafe treaty with Great Britain permitted the United States to discriminate against foreign shipping in the interest of American commerce.

Senator Percy said the United States undoubtedly had made a hard bargain in the Hay-Panamafe treaty, but that the sense of national responsibility should prevent the country from breaking its contract.

TRAIL LEADING TO ROSENTHAL Murderers Clearing Up; Vallon Implicates Rose.

MUCH HOPED FOR IN
WIDOW'S TESTIMONY

New York, N. Y., July 24.—The trail that leads to the man who framed the plot to slay Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, is slowly clearing, and district attorney Whittman believes he will be able to show that the "police system" and even those higher up were behind the plot to silence Rosenthal before he could make further gambling revelations.

From Harry Vallon, the gambler and one of the occupants of the "murder car," the public prosecutor has learned further facts that implicate "Bald Jack" Rose, friend of police lieutenant Becker, who and hired the automobile that took the men to the scene of the shooting.

There were reports at the district attorney's office today that the public prosecutor had information that indicated that the gray automobile which figured so prominently in the Rosenthal case was the same one which was used in the "murder car" and that the actual slayers of the gambler were concealed in the shadows of the hotel and after the killing mixed in the crowd. Aaron J. Levy, counsel for Shapiro and Libby, said his home had been entered last night and that he believed some one wanted to do him bodily injury, as there was no evidence that anything had been stolen.

Developments are expected to follow closely a conference at which Harry Vallon, the gambler and district attorney Whittman, Vallon gave himself up yesterday and was held by the coroner without bail, for examination on a charge of complicity in the murder.

Apparently the authorities were alerted as the information obtained from Vallon, although its nature was not divulged. All commissioner Dougherty's friends say that Vallon "was in the murder car" and that an important arrest was expected shortly.

From Vallon, the district attorney and commissioner Dougherty hope to get the names of those "higher up" who were behind the plot to silence Rosenthal. Mr. Whittman has thrown down the gauntlet to the police department, saying that the "murder smells of police connivance."

Outside of Vallon, interest centered in the apparent belated grand jury of Mr. Rosenthal. He had promised to tell district attorney Whittman what he knew about the alleged slayers of Rosenthal, but he had believed to have had intimate knowledge of her husband's affairs.

Mrs. Rosenthal is believed to have told the grand jury much about the meeting her husband had with police lieutenant Charles Becker, who was according to Rosenthal, was his agent partner in his place.

WOMAN CRUSHED WHILE
BOARDING A LAUNCH
Long Beach, Cal., July 24.—Mrs. Lorenza L. Long, 25 years old, a tourist from Warsaw, Ind., was killed yesterday when she tried to board a launch. She started to step from the pier to the launch as swell swayed the boat, and she stepped into the water. Before she could be rescued, the launch lurched and she was crushed her against the piling. Her husband witnessed the accident.

Proof of History dug From Beneath a Mexican Cathedral

W. E. Barnes, traveling passenger and freight agent of the S. P. railroad with headquarters at Tucson, has written another interesting article for The El Paso Herald on the history of the early Aztecs of Mexico. It is illustrated with photographs of remains of these prehistoric people and will be a feature of the Big Week-End El Paso Herald this week—just one of the big features of the Week-End Herald.

How Uncle Sam Keeps Hotel

The government is running at Panama the biggest hotel system on earth. It buys its provisions at wholesale and furnishes the best of board at a reasonable cost. How the business is managed. See Frank G. Carpenter letter in the Big Week-End Herald—another of the big exclusive features.

Danger From Asiatic Plague In America.

Reve Buche contributes an interesting article on this most deadly of diseases—how it is contracted, how it can easily be spread and the dangers to the people of this country. This is another of the Week-End Herald features.